

# THE Romulus News

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## Timely Tidbits ...

### See You in 2004!

The friendly staff at "the little paper" will be taking a couple of weeks off for a little R&R, so our next issue won't be published until January 9, 2004. We wish our readers a happy, healthy holiday season, and look forward to seeing and serving you next year.

### Casino, Horse Racing Approved by Voters

Romulus voters taking part in a special election on December 2 approved proposals for both casino gaming and horse racing within the City limits. Of the two proposals, the first (regarding casinos) received the larger margin of support: 2,879 to 2,211. Proposal 2 passed by a vote of 2,664 to 2,413.

Ballots cast totaled 5,108.

### New Year's Eve Party

Romulus Fire Station #4 and the Romulus Progressive Club are hosting a New Year's Eve Party to be held at Progressive Hall (11580 Ozga Road) beginning at 7 p.m. Tickets (\$40 per person or \$60 per couple) include dinner (served at 8 p.m.), DJ entertainment, and door prizes, as well as a midnight champagne toast. For tickets, call Jim Poet (734-942-7195) or the Progressive Club (734-941-3044).

### Hazards Workshop

As part of their efforts to develop a hazard analysis plan, the City of Romulus and Langworthy, Strader, LeBlanc & Associates are asking the public to help them identify historical events (such as windstorms/tornados, power outages, etc.) that had a negative impact on the community, as well as suggestions for preventing future harm to people, property, and/or the environment. A public hearing will be held in the Council Chambers at Romulus City Hall (11111 Wayne Road, at Goddard) at 7 p.m. on Thursday, January 15. Everyone is welcome.

For more information, call Margaret Leduc, emergency management coordinator for the City of Romulus, at 734-941-8585. □

## EMU Retires Grant Long's Uniform

Eastern Michigan University honored one of its most famous alumni, NBA star Grant Long, by retiring his EMU Hurons uniform #43. The ceremony was held during the halftime break of the EMU-Kent State basketball game on December 2.

Long, who enrolled at Eastern on the heels of an outstanding basketball career at Romulus High School (Class of 1984), led the Hurons to a MAC Tournament Championship and the school's first-ever NCAA Tournament berth during his senior year in 1987-1988. His efforts—which earned him the school's MVP honors that year—capped a four-year college career highlighted by 1,469 points, 863 rebounds, 211 assists, and 65 blocked shots. He is one of the top 10 scorers and rebounders in the university's history.

During his 15 seasons in the NBA, Long played for Miami, Atlanta, Detroit, Vancouver/Memphis, and Boston, compiling career totals of 9,518 points, 6,154 rebounds, 1,716 assists, and 1,199 blocked shots.

Long began his eloquent speech at the EMU ceremony by expressing his gratitude for the warm and enthusiastic reception accorded him and his family. He thanked the university for the fine education he received there, and urged current students to make the most of their educational opportunity, as well.

Al Wilkerson, Long's former basketball coach at Romulus High School, helped to organize a gala pregame reception for Long's family, friends, and former teammates. Among those in attendance was another former RHS basketball player, University of Michigan standout and NBA star Terry Mills.

"The entire Romulus community can be very proud of the outstanding presentation that Grant Long gave during his halftime speech," said Wilkerson. "He thanked his family, his teammates, the Romulus Community Schools, and Eastern Michigan University for their help and support throughout his athletic career."

"This was a really special and memorable occasion for everyone," Wilkerson concluded.

Long currently resides in Atlanta, Georgia, with his wife Nikki and their four children. His business interests include ownership of Long's Medical and Pharmaceutical Supply.

For more photos, see page 19. □



NBA star Grant Long (right) accepts a souvenir replica of his EMU jersey as (from left) sons Garvis and Gavar and wife Nikki look on.

## A Truly Heroic Spirit of Giving

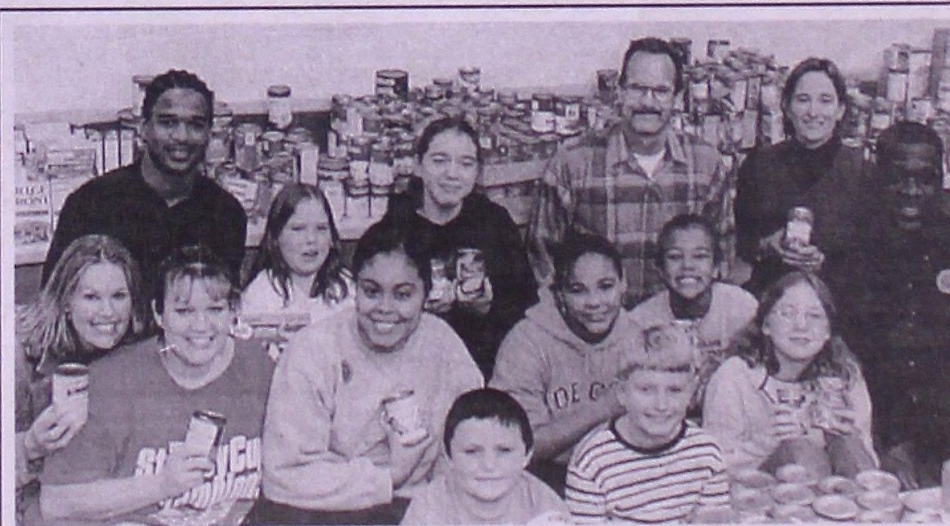
Romulus Elementary's third annual canned-food drive was more successful than anyone dreamed it could be.

The event, jointly sponsored by the Student Council and Parents as Educational Partners, yielded donations of 2,961 canned goods – more than 3.5

times the established goal of 800 cans.

"I have never seen a school of students and parents so willing to give," said Lynne Mossoian, principal.

The canned goods, along with turkeys purchased by the PEP, were used to make baskets for families in need. □



Among those who helped to pack Thanksgiving Baskets with the 2,961 canned goods donated by Romulus Elementary students and parents included: (from left) front – Steven Nemeth, Fred McAnally, and Cassie Rice; middle – Patty Vardy (co-parent coordinator), Keeynn Stephens, Cherra Ross, Cali Burks, and Lyrus Taylor; back – Nadine Craig (co-parent coordinator), Wes Faulkner (sixth-grade teacher), Ashley Cribbs, Ashley Linnert, Brian Swistara, and Mary Beth Coffey (third-grade teacher).



## "Project 2" Improv Comedy Group Features Familiar Faces

Local improvisational comedy group "Project 2" is reaping rave reviews with its homegrown humor.

"I could not stop laughing, it's so fast-paced," said Diane Lane of Taylor, who caught the group's act at Nik's Bar & Grill last month.

"Great show ... good time ... something everyone should go see," recommended Jerry Frayer of Romulus.

"This is the second time that I saw the group. Each time was different, and it was hilarious both times," commented Westland resident Mike Wright. "I'm a fan now."

So, what should you expect if you attend a Project 2 performance? The unexpected, of course!

"There is nothing like doing improv comedy; it's so unpredictable," says Romulus native John Thiede, one of the troupe's founders. "You never know what will happen. If you fail, you can't hide – you just hope for a laugh."

Thiede, a firefighter for the City of Romulus, met Project 2 co-founder Julie Morris of Trenton when both were performing at Second City Detroit in the training center. The two worked together in the improv group "94East" before forming Project 2, and are currently part of the conservatory program at Second City. Morris attends Wayne State University, where she's majoring in journalism, and works at Target.

Morris says she loves the spontaneity of the show, which features a wide variety of improvisational games as well as original sketches.

"You can't think about it or you can't do it," she explained.

For Thiede, it's the audience-participation aspect of the show that's so exciting.

"If people get involved, the show rocks!" he said. "My greatest joy is making people laugh."

"I especially love to make my parents laugh when they attend shows," he continued. "That's my biggest thrill."

Of course, a large part of Project 2's success is due to its supporting cast. Other members include:

- Plymouth resident Nicole Neuman, another member of the Second City conservatory program who also does dinner-theater shows;
- Jason Pittman of Van Buren Township – one of Thiede's fellow Romulus firefighters – who dabbled in the dramatic arts in both high school and college; and
- Taylor resident Mark Foster, who handles the technical aspects of the troupe.

Although Project 2's Website is not yet up and running, Thiede says that anyone interested in catching a show can get dates and locations by e-mailing the group at [Project2improv@aol.com](mailto:Project2improv@aol.com). Information about Project 2's biweekly performances at Nik's Bar & Grill (31222 Ecorse Road, Romulus) can be obtained by calling 734-326-9300.

Thiede also hopes that area residents will keep an eye out for a special two-hour show to be held at a local hall sometime in January. □



Project 2 is: (from left) front – John Thiede and Julie Morris; back – Nicole Neuman, Mark Foster, and Jason Pittman.

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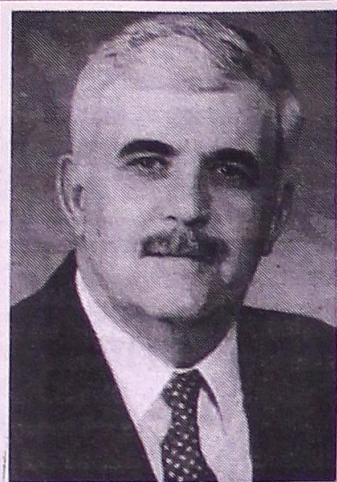
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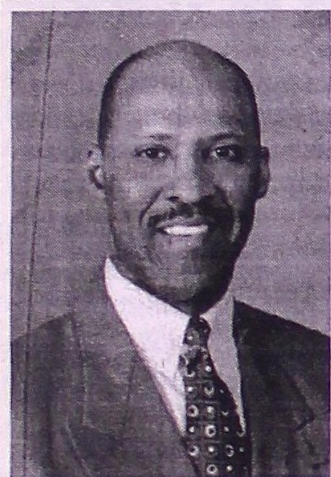
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*Mayor Pro Tem, City of Romulus*

## Season's Greetings



**Alan R. Lambert, Mayor of Romulus**

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a close, I'd like to thank  
the people of Romulus  
for all of their kindness  
and support.

May you enjoy the very  
happiest and healthiest  
holiday season.

## New Fire Rescue Vehicles Purchased



Mayor Alan R. Lambert (center), who promised Romulus residents an improved and upgraded fire department when he ran for office two years ago, says he is proud to have administered the purchase of three new fire rescue vehicles like the one pictured above with Fire Department personnel (from left) John Thiede, Jason Pittman, Todd Tingstad, John Fauls, Scott Ladach, and Michael Wojtylko, Jr. Lambert also plans to put the department on a full 24-hour, 7-days-a-week schedule just after the new year.

## CHS Lions Are State Champs

Congratulations to the Romulus/Belleville Community High School Lions flag football team, which captured the Michigan Alternative Athletic Association title at the state tournament played at Holt High School last month. This is the second time that the school has won a state title; the Lions were MAAA basketball champs in 2000.

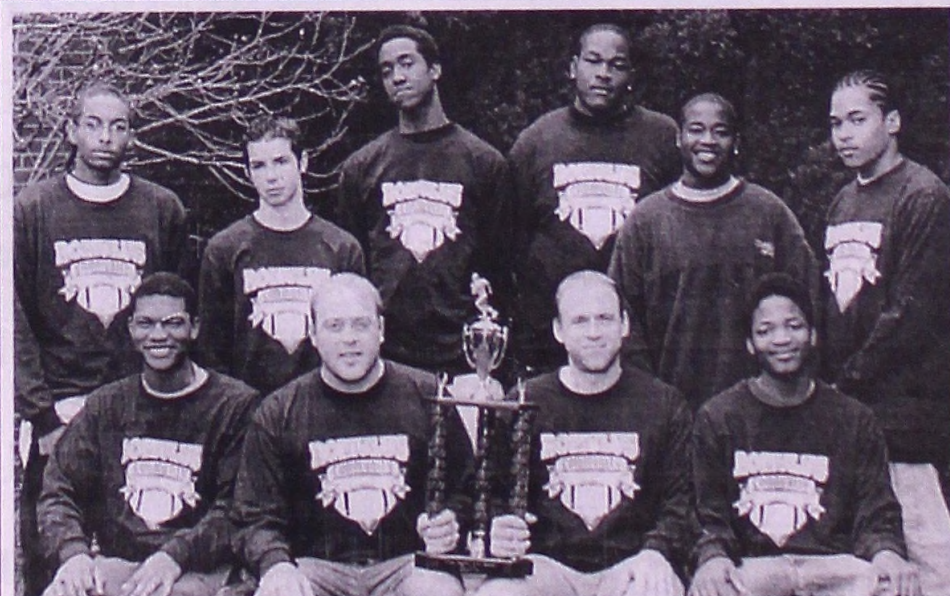
Coaches Matt Kapala and Charles TenBroeck were overjoyed by the performance of their team, which finished the regular season with a 7-1 record and won the state tournament with four consecutive victories. Wins over both Middleton-Fulton (39-0) and Traverse City (35-6) got the Lions to the semifinals, where they defeated Alma, 34-6. In the finals against Walled Lake, Josiah

Jendritz intercepted a pass in the Lions' end zone and returned it 104 yards for the clinching touchdown in an exciting 12-0 victory.

CHS principal Al Wilkerson said he was very pleased with the sportsmanship displayed by his students during the tournament.

"Our kids really represented themselves and their communities in a first-class manner throughout all four games," said Wilkerson.

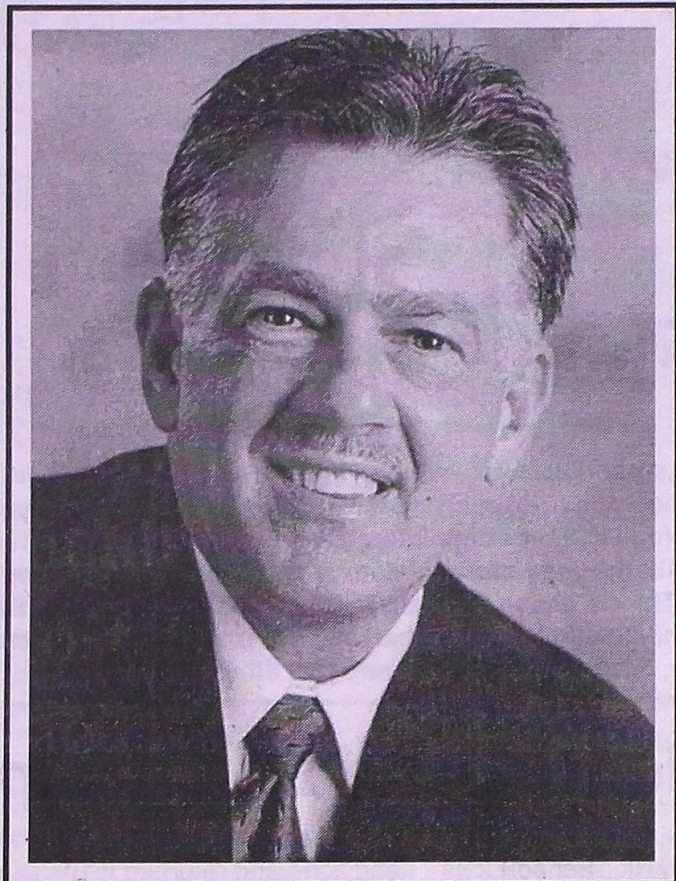
Players on this year's championship team were Jendritz, Sterling Austin, Keith Averitt, Andre Brown, Willie Canady, Ahmad Gambles, Demaris Harvey, Jamal James, Marcus Long, Devon Penny, Joe Pettway, Zack Rice, and Willie Stubbs. □



Coaches Matt Kapala and Charles TenBroeck (front, center) led the Lions to the state alternative school championship. Players included: (from left) front - Keith Averitt and Sterling Austin; back - Devon Penny, Josiah Jendritz, Andre Brown, Zack Rice, Joe Pettway, and Demaris Harvey.



# Thank you, Romulus!



Alan R. Lambert, Mayor

Thanks to all the residents who participated in the December 2nd special election for the casino and race track. Whether you volunteered at the polls, or took the time to vote, your sense of pride in our community helped us to begin the process of bringing new development to the City of Romulus.

Thank you to the following organizations that joined me in support:

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## Literary Club's Annual Holiday Tea Benefits "First Step" Group



Midge Prybyla (left) and Mary Lee Treder served as co-chairs of the Romulus Literary Club's annual Christmas Tea.

Romulus Progressive Hall was all aglow on Wednesday, December 3, when the Romulus Literary Club held its Third Annual Christmas Tea. Women who attended the event were treated to a charming holiday atmosphere created by elaborate table settings as well as a delicious variety of teas and desserts.

Other highlights included a Henderson Dance Academy presentation of *The Nutcracker Suite* and a Christmas reading by Barbara Doyle.

Midge Prybyla, who co-chaired the event with Mary Lee Treder, was pleased with the outcome.

"We are very happy to have so much participation," she said.

Tea participants brought new, gift-wrapped items to donate to First Step, an organization that provides a safe haven for victims of domestic violence. First Step representative Carolyn Brown was on hand to receive the gifts on behalf of her group. □



The event featured a variety of unique holiday table settings – like the one above – designed by the participants.



## Celebrating Thanksgiving at Barth



Kindergarten teacher Karen Richard and her students at Barth Elementary School dressed as Pilgrims and Native Americans for their Thanksgiving celebration. Each student made his/her own "costume."

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## Alternative Middle School Hosts Thanksgiving/Awards Luncheon

The Romulus Alternative Middle School hosted a recent Thanksgiving Luncheon and Awards Ceremony. Principal Al Wilkerson was pleased to welcome his students and many of their parents to this special event.

Staff members DeAnn Covert (math/science teacher), Scott Roark (English/social studies teacher), and Amy Park (social worker) combined to present awards to their students. Covert and Park also made a video presentation of a recent cross-curriculum unit, Diving in the Caymans, that concluded with the

students receiving a beginners-level scuba lesson. Special student presenters for the diving video included Tanaya Aldridge, Shannon Bratcher, and Matthew Lemasters.

Awards for academic achievement were given to students Terry Adams, Tanaya Aldredge, Shannon Bratcher, Andrew Hackney, Jeremy Kirtley, Keon Lamar, Matthew Lemasters, Tirrell Mills, William Phillips, and Seth Staples.

Citizenship awards went to Terry Adams, Tanaya Aldridge, Andrew Hackney, and Keon Lamar.



Among those attending the Romulus Alternative Middle School's annual Thanksgiving Luncheon and Awards Ceremony were: (from left) front – DeAnn Covert, Vern Logan, Chris Julvezan, Amy Park, David Babnow, Jacob Vines, and Kathy Vines; back – Al Wilkerson (principal, RAMS), Ken Mientkiewicz (trustee, Romulus Board of Education), Marina Kirtley, Jeremy Kirtley, Jimmy Keahey, and Karen Babnow.

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## RHS Culinary Arts Program Receives National Attention



Students enrolled in Romulus High School's award-winning culinary arts program – (from left) Inez Kindell, Richard Heater, Carly Jones, Rachel Perlaki, and Brittany Mizell – proudly showed off one of their eagle ice-carvings at the school's recent Academic Achievement Breakfast.

Romulus High School's award-winning culinary arts program has received national attention thanks to a highly complimentary article that appeared in a recent issue of *Chef Educator Today*. The article features culinary arts teacher Charles Usztics discussing highlights of his ice-sculpture program at RHS.

Romulus students, who often win top prizes at the annual Plymouth Ice Carving Festival, have long been recognized for their excellence in ice sculpture. Last year, senior Richard Miller was the first to win first-place honors in the prestigious festival's high-school division.

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In the magazine article, Usztics explained that he whets students' interest by teaching a couple of days of elementary ice carving as part of the basic culinary arts program. Students who decide to pursue the subject further join the school's after-school Ice Carving Club.

Usztics expressed his appreciation of the district's support for his program.

"We have 10 chainsaws, each with a life-span of approximately 7 years, so we have to replace several each year at a cost of around \$200 each," he said. "We also budget \$1,500 to purchase ice blocks – \$25 to \$35 each for training blocks, and \$50 to \$60 for high-quality blocks."

Other equipment used by the students includes die grinders, sanders, hoses, and a lift/hoist.

Usztics loves taking advantage of opportunities to exhibit his students' work.

"Our culinary arts program caters many in-school events such as awards banquets, and we get to show off our ice sculptures frequently," he explained. "We also distribute our ice sculptures around the City of Romulus at locations such as the Senior Center, the Police Station, and Romulus City Hall."

Dick Kruse, spokesperson for the district, said that Usztics and his assistant, Angelica Richardson, have made the High School's culinary arts program a "shining light" in the Western Wayne County area. He also noted that Romulus students have been invited to make several presentations to area high schools interested in starting their own culinary arts programs. □



## Meeting Promotes Excellence at Wick



Wick parents and staff who recently met to promote student achievement included: (from left) front – Mae Lytle, Kim Davis, Sandi Dotson, Noreen Tucker, Danielle Funderburg, Sandy MacDonald, Geneva Matthews, and Chrystal Trussell; back – Chris Consales and Shirley Soltez.

## Barth, Double Tree Combine to Donate 2,003 Holiday Cookies

Covenant House – an organization that serves homeless, runaway, and other at-risk youth between the ages of 13 and 22 – has received a sweet surprise, thanks to the Double Tree Hotel of Romulus and the students at Barth Elementary School.

Double Tree, which is famous for its jumbo chocolate-chip cookies, agreed to donate 2,003 of their delicious treats to the charity of Barth's choice. After careful consideration, the students selected Covenant House to receive the cookies.

"The 2003 Great Community Cookie Giveaway allowed our children to experience how rewarding it can be to give back to others," said Barth principal Diane Golka. "Teaching Kids to CARE, an educational outreach program developed by Double Tree, helps kids develop a foundation for philanthropic activities that they can carry throughout their lives."

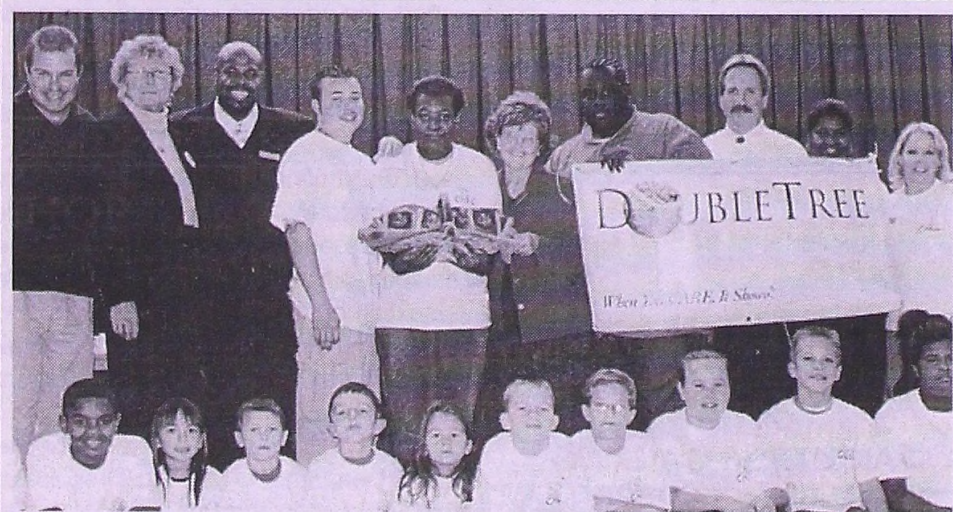
Larry Feedback, general manager of Double Tree, provided additional back-

ground on the program.

"Teaching Kids to CARE has also helped our employees embrace and practice caring for others, and then transfer this positive approach to dealing with hotel guests and fellow team members each day," he explained. "The program showed everyone involved – our employees and the children from Barth – what a joy it is to work together and help someone in need."

Feedback invited Barth students to come to the hotel and help his staff prepare the cookies to be donated. Later, all 375 youngsters got to sample a cookie during a school assembly honoring Covenant House.

Principal Golka is really proud that her students chose Covenant House Michigan to receive their cookie donation. The group, funded by individual and corporate donations, operates five sites in the metro Detroit area to serve a highly needy population 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. □

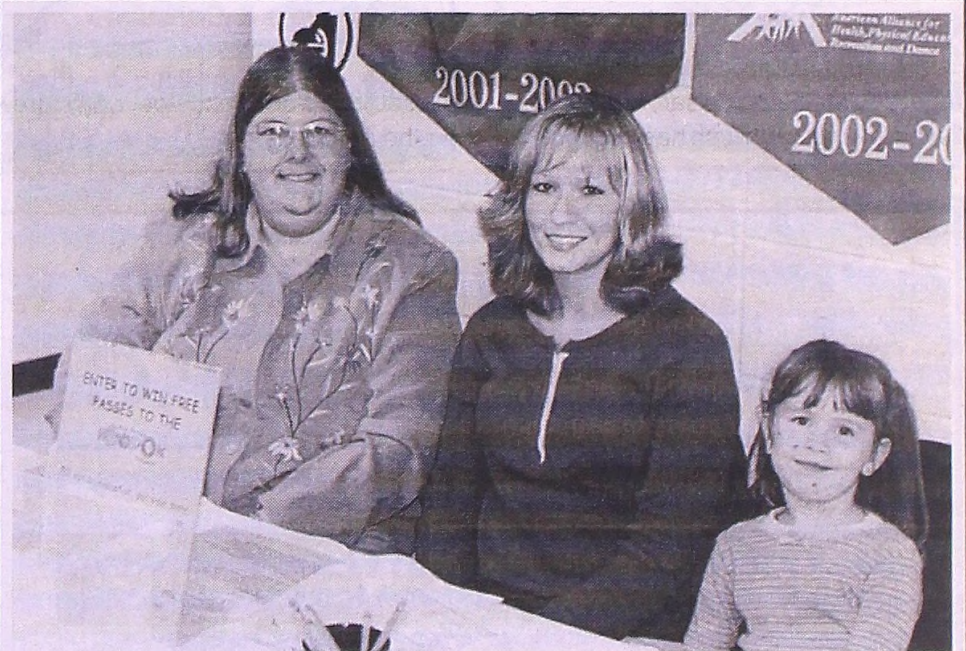


Virginia Matthews (back, fifth from left), director of development for Covenant House, was joined by several of her group's friends in accepting a donation of 2,003 cookies from Double Tree staff members Larry Feedback, Pamela Malone, and Monica Stafford (far right); Barth Elementary teacher Rob Baty and principal Diane Golka (far left); and a number of students from the school.

## Math/Science Night



Romulus Elementary students and parents – including (from left) Brittney Blackburn, Cali Burks, Juanita Gibson, Niema White, Eramae Gibson, and Nichole Slater – enjoyed the school's annual Math and Science Night. Here, students found that they could cut extremely long strips from relatively small squares of paper.



Passing out game forms during the Math and Science Night program were (from left) paraprofessionals Debbie Dunn and Jennifer Alexander and "special helper" Madison Alexander.

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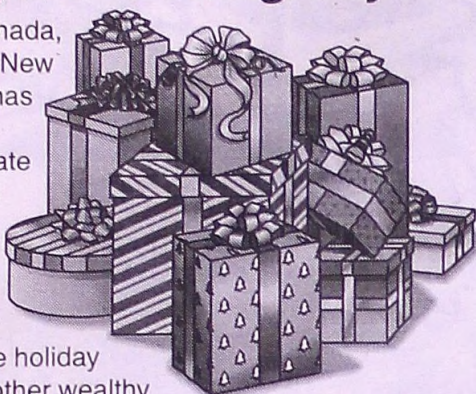


## What Is the Origin of Boxing Day?

In many nations – including Canada, the United Kingdom, Australia, and New Zealand – the day following Christmas is called Boxing Day.

The origin of the holiday may date from the Middle Ages, when priests opened a church's alms (charity) boxes on the day after Christmas and distributed the contents to the poor people of their local parish.

According to another theory, the holiday began in England, when royalty or other wealthy individuals presented boxed gifts to their servants on December 26. □



## Enjoy a Kiss Under the Mistletoe

Perhaps you've attended a Christmas party and suddenly been caught off guard by the innocent kiss of a stranger. To your surprise, you happened to be standing directly under a seemingly innocuous plant — mistletoe.

Have you ever wondered where the tradition of a kiss beneath the mistletoe began? Enjoy the following explanation, courtesy of *Holiday Folklore, Phobias and Fun* (Outcomes Unlimited Press) by Donald E. Dossey.

There is no doubt that the Druids regarded mistletoe as sacred. They believed the missel thrush had brought the green plant from heaven, carrying it with its toes. Over time, the "missel thrush's toe," said quickly, became mistletoe.

During the winter solstice, a season of both anxiety and festivity for the Druids, they decked their homes with holly, ivy, and mistletoe; their greenness throughout the freezing winter represented eternal life. They burned mistletoe on their sacrificial alters as a symbol of hope and peace. This ritual probably established the custom that enemies would drop their weapons and embrace if they chanced to meet under the mistletoe. Our kissing custom may have begun with this ancient practice, as well.

The ancient Norse had another view of the mistletoe tradition.

These people thought mistletoe was sacred because of Frigga, goddess of love and mother of the sun god, Balder. According to a Norse myth, Frigga became alarmed after Balder had a dream of death. She thought that if the sun god were to die, all life on earth would die with him. Frigga immediately secured a promise from all the gods in heaven and on earth, and every animal and plant, that they would not harm her son. She missed one plant, mistletoe, which grew on the oak trees.

The god of evil, Loki, sneaked into a dinner party that the gods were having. Loki tricked the blind god of winter, Hoder, into shooting Balder with an arrow tipped with mistletoe, and the god was dead. The world mourned and all was dark.

At the end of three days of trying to bring Balder back to life, Frigga finally succeeded with her power of love. She was so joyful that she began to kiss everyone who passed under the tree where the mistletoe was growing, and she made a decree. Never again would the mistletoe do any harm, and anyone who stood under it would be rewarded with a kiss. □

## Making the Most of the Holiday Spirit

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas ... and Chanukah and Kwanzaa for that matter.

The holidays are a time for giving thanks, and the sentiment is even more poignant against the backdrop of our country's latest trials and tribulations. But if we can put aside our skepticism, prejudices, and quips, this season can be one of the most memorable ever. Here are some easy ways to embrace the season of giving and joy:

- Assist an elderly neighbor who has trouble going outdoors in inclement weather. Pick up his/her groceries, shovel the sidewalk, and send him/her a card expressing your holiday sentiments.
- Volunteer your time at a local orphanage or homeless shelter. Those without a true home can benefit from your generosity.

- Set up a neighborhood caroling group. This tradition has slowly fallen out of fashion. Revive it again and spread the season's joy to all you pass.
- When shopping for your holiday meal, pick up a few extra items and donate them to a soup kitchen.
- Donate extra funds to your house of worship so that holiday decorations, fund-raisers, other events will be even more spectacular.
- Do something as simple as giving up your seat on the bus to someone as a gesture of good tidings.
- Make time to do a fun family activity like sledding, skiing or just enjoying a mug of hot chocolate while watching the snow fall.

These are just a few thoughtful ideas; surely you can think of more. Just remember to make this season as magical as you can. □

## Celebrate the Sweet Seasonal Symbol

For millions of Americans, the candy cane is synonymous with Christmas. Whether used as tree decorations, taped to gifts, or simply enjoyed during holiday get-togethers, candy canes evoke memories of the wonders of childhood. So powerful is their appeal that consumers spent nearly \$65 million last year on candy canes.

The modern candy symbol of a shepherd's flock-keepers who Jesus. Legend has it the choirmaster at Cathedral handed to keep his quiet for program.

In 1847, the special the candies into the shape of In 1847, gard of Wooster, a small blue spruce and beautiful it wasn't until the the red and white became the holiday norm.

cane's design originated from the ★ crook, representing the humble worshiped the newborn baby that, in 1670, the Cologne out sugar sticks youthful singers the Nativity In honor of occasion, were bent crooks.

August Im- Ohio, decorated with candy canes paper ornaments, but turn of the century that stripes and peppermint flavors



## Create Scented Christmas Ornaments

As you hang your delicate glass balls, ribbons, garland and glistening stars, consider creating special home-made scented ornaments. It's easier than you might think.

With a simple batch of edible ingredients, you can whip up spiced ornaments. Here's the recipe, courtesy of [www.recipesource.com](http://www.recipesource.com).

### Spice-scent Christmas Tree Ornaments

- 3/4 C ground cinnamon
- 1 T ground allspice
- 1 T nutmeg
- 2 T ground cloves
- 1 C applesauce



Mix dry ingredients together. Add applesauce and mix well.

Roll on waxed paper to 1/2-inch thickness and sprinkle with cinnamon to keep from sticking. Cut into Christmas shapes.

Let decorations air dry for four to five days, turning once a day. Ornaments can be painted or decorated when dry.

Store in a plastic bag each year. When the scent evaporates, add a drop or two of cinnamon oil on the back.

These ornaments make wonderful Christmas tree decorations or holiday gifts. □

In the 1920s, Bob McCormack began making candy canes as a Christmas treat for his family and friends. His Famous Candy Company, later changed to Bobs Candies, began with only five employees who completed the laborious process of twisting, cutting, and bending each candy cane by hand.

When the company became the first candy manufacturer to wrap its products in cellophane, Bobs quickly earned a reputation as a leader and innovator — a tradition which has continued ever since.

In the 1950s, McCormack's brother-in-law, Gregory Keller, invented a machine to automate candy cane production. Packaging innovations by the McCormacks also made it possible to transport the delicate canes on a scale that transformed the company into the leading candy cane producer in the world — a position Bobs Candies still holds today.

While peppermint canes are still the most popular, the company offers a wide variety of cane flavors and sizes, including designer canes in delicious flavors like strawberry, blueberry, and bubble gum.

To see how candy canes are made, or to share your favorite candy cane recipe or story, visit the Bobs Candies Website at [www.bobscandies.com](http://www.bobscandies.com). □





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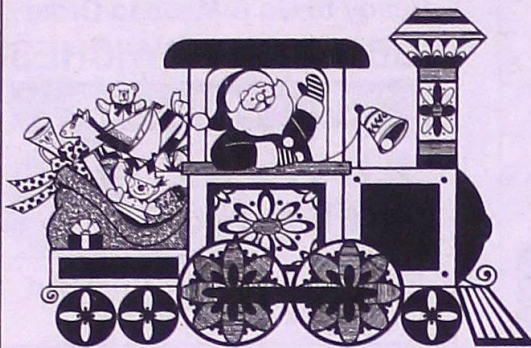


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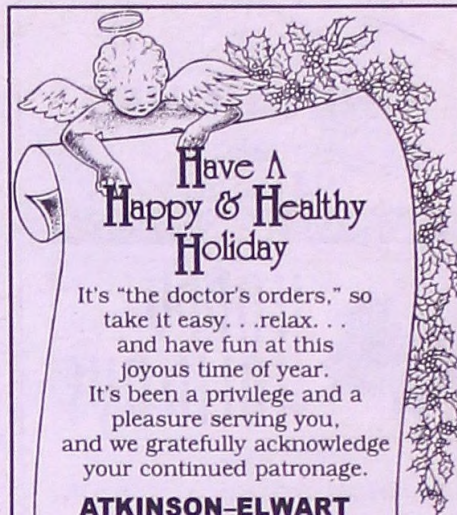
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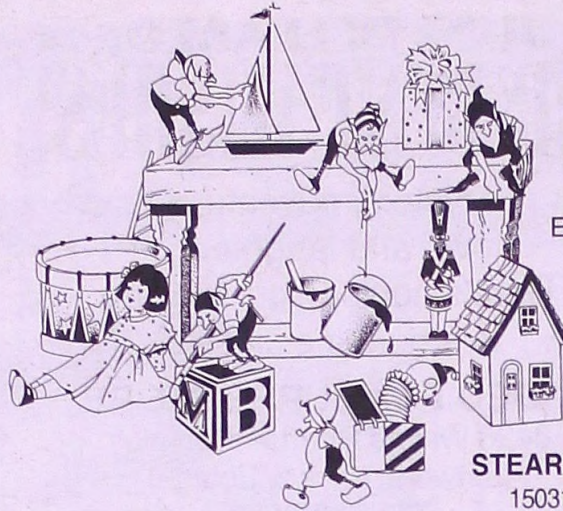


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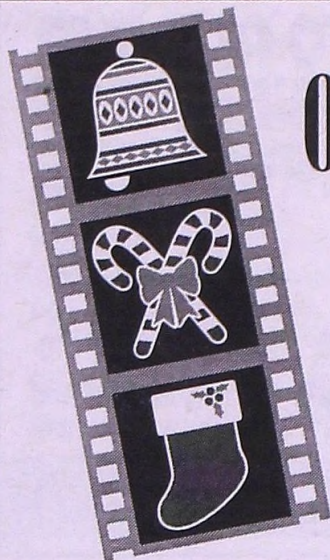
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# Around the District



Exploring ways to improve parent-teacher conferences at Barth were: (from left) front – Paula Valentik, Jennifer Luczak, Paula Brousseau, JoAnn Littler, and Rachel Bergman; middle – Theresa Beard, Susan Mitchell, Gerilynn Kline, Mia Lewis, Deborah Street, and Jamie Young; back – Sherri Doktor, Glenn Wilkewitz, Debbie Wilkewitz, Lori Russell, Sarah Waling, Ann Hopkins, Rich Littler, Paul Podczewinski, and Diane Golka (principal).



Choir director Marva Hatcher was very pleased with her Middle School choir students' recent performance at the High School, where a large audience accorded them a standing ovation after their last selection. The young performers included: (from left) front – Jessica Cronk, Cicely Shaw, Chelsea Tyree, and Tamica Mosley; back – Shelby Green, Ashley Meinicke, Kelly Mays, and Melissa Dufore.



"Science of Sports" presenter Marcey Welsh (back) helped Wick students like (from left) Ryan Lamoureux, Jordan Raymond, Kayla Frowner, Paige Taylor, Destanee Melchor, and Talia Woody understand how air pressure, friction, aerodynamics, and other factors affect their favorite sports.



Among those celebrating the last day of Ramadan at Merriman were: (from left) front – Rashid Siddiqui, Rehman Sheikh, and Aaminah Siddiqui; back – Rabia Sheikh, Fatima Sheikh, Kazam Sheikh, Nantara Sheikh, and Shellie Moore (principal).



Merriman students rewarded for outstanding citizenship included (from left) Nathan Louk, Nathan Wilkerson, Eric Lightsey, Rebecca Nowicki, Jason Card, Destiny McMillan, and Alexis Siemaszko.



During Halecreek's recent Science Night program, Kate Orr (left) and Stephanie Andrew correctly predicted that a Diet Coke can will float in a tub of water, but a can of regular Coca-Cola will not.



## Romulus High School Alumna Enjoys Silverdome Experience



RHS Class of 1990 member Crystal Thompson-Bough enjoyed a recent opportunity to direct her Hudson High School Marching Tigers at the Pontiac Silverdome during the MHSAA Division 7 football championship.

Crystal Thompson-Bough, a graduate of Romulus High School's Class of 1990, got a real thrill when she got to conduct her Hudson High School Tigers Marching Band at the Pontiac Silverdome. The occasion was her school's loss to Traverse City St. Francis, 28-14, in the Michigan High School Athletic Association Division 7 championship game. Both schools were supported by large, enthusiastic crowds, and the outcome of the game was in doubt until the final minutes.

Thompson-Bough started her instrumental music career as a cornetist in the Romulus Middle School Beginning Band.

"Crystal showed real promise right away, and achieved a first-division rat-

ing at the District Ensemble Festival after only six months of instruction," said former Middle School band director Dick Kruse.

Thompson-Bough switched to the French horn in the eighth grade, and continued with that instrument throughout her high-school and college years. During her time at Romulus High School, she performed in the Symphonic, Marching, and Jazz bands. Later, at Eastern Michigan University, she was an active member of the Alpha Kappa Psi music sorority, and performed regularly with the Horn Symphony, the Symphonic Band, and the Marching Band.

After earning a bachelor's degree in music education from EMU in the spring of 1997, Thompson-Bough began her



The Hudson band put on an exciting halftime show for the large and enthusiastic crowd that came out to watch the hotly contested match between Hudson and Traverse City St. Francis.

band-directing career in the Morenci school district. There, she tripled the size of the high-school band, from 14 to 42 students, and achieved second-division ratings with both the middle- and high-school bands. (The district's previous scores had included a long string of third- and fourth-division ratings.)

In the fall of 2000, Thompson-Bough was selected as the new director of bands at Hudson High School, where she has increased the size of the band from 40 to 62 students, and greatly improved the performance levels of the fifth-, sixth-, seventh-, and eighth-grade bands. She has also improved Hudson's consistent third-division festival ratings

to second-division ratings for the seventh-grade, eighth-grade, and high-school bands.

Thompson-Bough says that Romulus was a good place to grow up, and that the school district prepared her to be successful in her profession.

"I still often think about my many positive experiences with Romulus bands, and I try to emulate the achievement-oriented environment we had," she noted.

Thompson-Bough and her husband Michael, who is director of bands at Tecumseh Middle School, have a nine-year-old son named David. They currently reside in Tecumseh. □

### RHS Hosts Outstanding Blood Drive



Pat Frazier (back, left), American Red Cross volunteer, and Terri Brinston (back, right), health-occupations teacher at the High School, congratulated students who organized an outstanding 75-pint blood drive, including: (from left) front – Ashley Maskell and Molly Tuttle; back – Amanda Eldridge and Alicia Harbor.

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### ANNUAL ASBESTOS NOTIFICATION

In accordance with Section 763.84 of the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA), or the "Asbestos in Schools Rule," Romulus Community Schools is notifying employees and building occupants, or their legal guardians, of activities conducted within the past school year involving the asbestos inspections, response actions, and post-response action activities, including periodic reinspection and period surveillance activities that are planned or in progress at School District facilities.

During the school year (September 2003 – June 2004), Romulus Community Schools has planned the following activities related to asbestos-containing materials throughout the School District.

- *Six-month Periodic Surveillances & Three-year Reinspections:* Six-month periodic surveillance inspections are scheduled for October 2003 and May 2004.
- *Asbestos Abatement Projects – Scheduled:* No projects are currently "scheduled" throughout the School District.
- *Asbestos Abatement Projects – Completed:* Asbestos-containing pipe fitting insulation was removed from the hot water tank room in Romulus High School and Room 14 at the Burton Center. Asbestos-containing floor tile materials were removed from a gymnasium hallway at Romulus High School and from various rooms and hallways at Cory Elementary School.

All asbestos consulting activities – including inspections, project design, project management, air monitoring, and abatement – are completed by trained, accredited, and experienced personnel. AHERA Management Plans are available for review in each school building office or at the Romulus Community Schools Operations & Maintenance Department (36540 Grant Road, Romulus, Michigan). Summaries for all asbestos abatement projects are located in the AHERA Management Plans, while complete documentation is maintained at the Romulus Community Schools Operations & Maintenance Department.

All Management Plans are available at school buildings during regular school hours or at the Romulus Community Schools Operations & Maintenance Department between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Questions regarding the asbestos program for Romulus Community Schools may be addressed to Mr. Don Morris, Supervisor of Operations & Maintenance, at 734-532-1632.



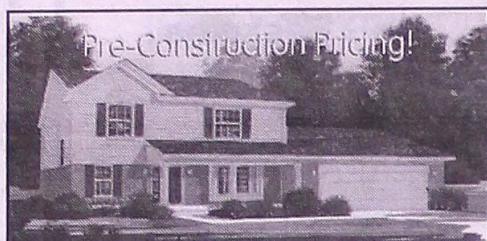
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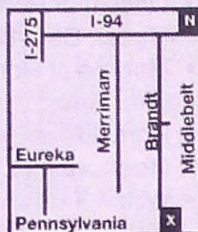


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# Congratulations!

## Bennett Captures State Soccer Title

Derek Bennett, a seventh-grader at Romulus Middle School, qualified for the recent state-level, Elks Club-sponsored "Soccer Shoot-out" competition by finishing first in an earlier district tournament in the under-14 age group.

The state competition was held on October 25 in Big Rapids, Michigan, where Bennett went head-to-head against first-place finishers from other districts throughout Michigan. He earned the state title by winning a narrow victory in a tie-breaker kickoff.

As the state champion, Bennett will move on to represent Michigan and compete against state champions from Kentucky, Ohio, and Indiana in the Midwest Regional tournament, to be held in Maumee, Ohio. □



Derek Bennett

## Board Hears Report on Cory's Principals' Reading Program

Cory Elementary principal Phyllis Adkins and some of the participants in her new Principal's Reading Program appeared before the Romulus Board of Education last month to discuss the success of the program's Summer Reading Challenge.

Adkins, who had challenged her students to read 1,000 pages during summer vacation, reported that many children met her challenge enthusiastically, reading as many as 18,000 pages!

To support her students in their summer reading endeavors, Adkins talked

to Romulus Housing Commission director Christine Anderson and arranged for two Cory teachers, Molly McGlynn and Kara Pluff, to set up a Family Resource Center in a duplex on Second Street. Using books donated by RIF (Reading Is Fundamental), the teachers offered summer reading instruction to neighborhood children. More than 30 families took advantage of this unique program.

Adkins and the Board of Education would like to extend their thanks to Anderson for her outstanding efforts on behalf of the students at Cory. □



Making a special presentation before the Romulus Community Schools Board of Education were a few of the participants in Cory Elementary's Principal's Reading Program, including: (from left) front – Jonathan Stone, Kimberly Stone, Kelly McGlynn, and Christina Anderson (Romulus Housing Commission); back – Dawn Stone, James Stone, Molly McGlynn, and Phyllis Adkins (principal).



## RHS Alumni Basketball Game



The annual Romulus High School Alumni Basketball Game, played on November 26, featured players from the 1960s, 1970s, and 1980s. Among those taking part in the event: (from left) front – Donna McKay, Gina Carter, and Colleen McKay Brown; middle – Troy Gray, Herb Buckley (director, City of Romulus Department of Parks and Recreation), Virgil Davis, Troy Williams, and Ronald Buckley; back – Al Wilkerson (coach of the 1986 RHS Class "A" Championship team), Calvin Harris, Terry Mills, Steve Glenn, Stacey Shreve Sr., Brandon Byers, Wendell Buckley, Eric H. Talley Sr., Richard Bell, Bill Miller, and Rod Hanna (RHS coach, late 1970s).



Among those in attendance at the game were (from left) Michael Woods (treasurer, Romulus Community Schools Board of Education), Lita Ward, Lloyd Ward (RHS alumnus and former CEO of both Maytag and the U.S. Olympic Committee), and Cheryle Ward Buckley (vice-president, Romulus Board of Education).

## RHS Basketball

### Varsity/Junior Varsity

- Romulus at Wayne (Tues., Dec. 9, outcome unknown at press time)
- Romulus at Robichaud (Fri., Dec. 12, 5:30 p.m.)
- Lincoln at Romulus (Tues., Dec. 16, 5:30 p.m.)
- Monroe at Romulus (Fri., Dec. 19, 5:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Detroit CHS (Tues., Jan. 6, 5:30 p.m.)
- Willow Run at Romulus (Fri., Jan. 9, 5:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Airport (Tues., Jan. 13, 5:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at River Rouge (Fri., Jan. 16, 5:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Ypsilanti (Tues., Jan. 20, 5:30 p.m.)
- Belleville at Romulus (Fri., Jan. 23, 5:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Monroe (Fri., Jan. 30, 5:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Willow Run (Fri., Feb. 6, 5:30 p.m.)
- River Rouge at Romulus (Tues., Feb. 10, 5:30 p.m.)
- Ypsilanti at Romulus (Fri., Feb. 13, 5:30 p.m.)
- Highland Park at Romulus (Tues., Feb. 17, 5:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Belleville (Fri., Feb. 20, 5:30 p.m.)
- Truman at Romulus (Tues., Feb. 24, 5:30 p.m.)



### Freshmen

- Wayne at Romulus (Tues., Dec. 9, 3:30 p.m.; outcome unknown)
- Robichaud at Romulus (Fri., Dec. 12, 3:30 p.m.)
- Redford at Romulus (Wed., Dec. 17, 3:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Monroe (Fri., Dec. 19, 3:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Willow Run (Fri., Jan. 9, 3:30 p.m.)
- River Rouge at Romulus (Fri., Jan. 16, 3:30 p.m.)
- Ypsilanti at Romulus (Tues., Jan. 20, 3:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Belleville (Fri., Jan. 23, 3:30 p.m.)
- Monroe at Romulus (Fri., Jan. 30, 3:30 p.m.)
- Willow Run at Romulus (Fri., Feb. 6, 3:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at River Rouge (Tues., Feb. 10, 3:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Ypsilanti (Fri., Feb. 13, 3:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Wyandotte (Tues., Feb. 17, 3:45 p.m.)
- Belleville at Romulus (Fri., Feb. 20, 3:30 p.m.)

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## RHS Volleyball

### Varsity/Junior Varsity

- Romulus at Taylor Tournament/Kennedy HS (V) (Sat., Dec. 13, 8:30 a.m.)
- Romulus at Melvindale Tournament (JV) (Sat., Dec. 13, 8 a.m.)
- Romulus at Taylor Tournament/Kennedy HS (JV) (Sat., Dec. 20, 8:30 a.m.)
- Romulus at U of M Kickoff Classic/Dexter HS (V) (Sat. Jan. 3, 9 a.m.)
- Romulus at Monroe News Tournament/Jefferson HS (V) (Sat., Jan. 10, 8 a.m.)
- Romulus at Annapolis (Mon., Jan. 12, 6 p.m.)
- Melvindale at Romulus (Wed., Jan. 14, 6 p.m.)
- Romulus at Wayne Invitational (V) (Sat., Jan. 17, 8 a.m.)
- Romulus at Thurston (Mon., Jan. 19, 6 p.m.)
- Carlson at Romulus (Wed., Jan. 21, 6 p.m.)
- Romulus hosts Midwinter Tournament (V) (Sat., Jan. 24, 8:30 a.m.)
- Romulus at Allen Park (Mon., Jan. 26, 6 p.m.)
- Romulus at Truman (Wed., Jan. 28, 6 p.m.)
- Romulus hosts Midwinter Tournament (JV) (Sat., Jan. 31, 8:30 a.m.)
- Annapolis at Romulus (Wed., Feb. 4, 6 p.m.)
- Romulus and Ecorse at Melvindale (V) (Mon., Feb. 9, 6 p.m.)
- Romulus and Ecorse at Melvindale/Strong MS (JV) (Mon., Feb. 9, 6 p.m.)
- Thurston at Romulus (Wed., Feb. 11, 6 p.m.)
- Allen Park at Romulus (Wed., Feb. 18, 6 p.m.)
- Romulus at Melvindale Invitational (V) (Sat., Feb. 21, 6 p.m.)
- Romulus at News-Herald Invitational/Lincoln Park HS (JV) (Sat., Feb. 21, TBA)
- Truman at Romulus (Mon., Feb. 23, 6 p.m.)
- Romulus at News-Herald Invitational/Lincoln Park HS (V) (Sat., Feb. 28, TBA)



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## RHS Wrestling

### Varsity/Junior Varsity

- Romulus at John Glenn Invitational (Sat., Dec. 6 – Scores: L vs. Clarkston 66–6 L vs. John Glenn 57–15 L vs. Wyandotte 57–15 L vs. East Detroit 48–33)
- Romulus at Hartland Invitational (V) (Sat., Dec. 13, 10 a.m.)
- Romulus at Belleville Invitational (JV) (Sat., Dec. 13, 10 a.m.)
- Romulus at Salem Invitational (V) (Sat., Dec. 27, 9 a.m.)
- Romulus at Eaton Rapids Invitational (V) (Sat., Jan. 3, 9 a.m.)
- Belleville at Romulus (Thurs., Jan. 8, 6 p.m.)
- Romulus hosts Romulus Royal Invitational (Sat., Jan. 10, 8:30 a.m.)
- Romulus at Wyandotte (Thurs., Jan. 15, 6 p.m.)
- Romulus at Wayne Invitational (Sat., Jan. 17, 8:30 a.m.)
- Monroe at Romulus (Thurs., Jan. 22, 6 p.m.)
- Romulus at Fenton Invitational (Sat., Jan. 24, 8:30 a.m.)
- Romulus at Edsel Ford (Thurs., Jan. 29, 6 p.m.)
- Southgate at Romulus (Thurs., Feb. 5, 6 p.m.)
- Romulus at Belding Invitational (Sat., Feb. 7, 10 a.m.)
- Romulus at Fordson (Thurs., Feb. 12, 6 p.m.)

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## RMS Volleyball

### 7th- & 8th-grade Teams

- Romulus at Belleville North (Mon., Feb. 9, 3:45 p.m.)
- Belleville South at Romulus (Wed., Feb. 11, 3:45 p.m.)
- Ypsilanti West at Romulus (Monday, Feb. 16, 3:45 p.m.)
- Romulus at Ypsilanti East (Wed., Feb. 18, 3:45 p.m.)
- Belleville North at Romulus (Wed., Feb. 25, 3:45 p.m.)
- Romulus at Willow Run (Thurs., Feb. 26, 3:45 p.m.)
- Romulus at Ypsilanti West (Wed., Mar. 3, 3:45 p.m.)
- Ypsilanti East at Romulus (Mon., Mar. 8, 3:45 p.m.)
- Willow Run at Romulus (Wed., Mar. 10, 3:45 p.m.)
- Romulus at Belleville South (Mon., Mar. 15, 3:45 p.m.)

*Schedule subject to change*

## RHS Volleyball

### Freshmen

- Romulus at Belleville (Wed., Jan. 7, 3:30 p.m.)
- Annapolis at Romulus (Mon., Jan. 12, 3:30 p.m.)
- Melvindale at Romulus (Wed., Jan. 14, 3:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Truman (Mon., Jan. 19, 3:30 p.m.)
- Thurston at Romulus (Wed., Jan. 21, 3:30 p.m.)
- Carlson at Romulus (Mon., Jan. 26, 3:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Annapolis (Wed., Jan. 28, 3:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Melvindale (Sat., Jan. 31, 8 a.m.)
- Kennedy at Romulus (Mon., Feb. 2, 3:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at River Rouge (Wed., Feb. 4, 3:30 p.m.)
- Crestwood at Romulus (Mon. Feb. 9, 3:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Allen Park (Wed., Feb. 11, 3:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Melvindale (Mon., Feb. 16, 3:30 p.m.)
- Truman at Romulus (Wed., Feb. 18, 3:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at News-Herald Invitational/Lincoln Park HS (Fri., Feb. 20, TBA)

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## RMS Basketball

### 7th- & 8th-grade Teams

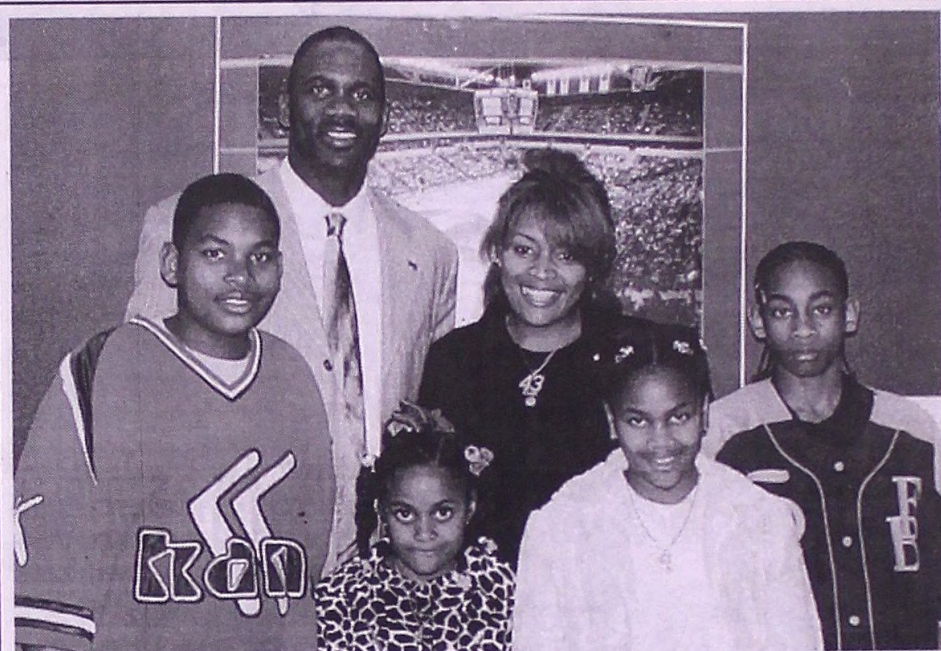
- Romulus at Ypsilanti West (Tues., Nov. 18 – W 37–32)
- Romulus at Cantrick (Thurs., Nov. 20 – W 38–6)
- Willow Run at Romulus (Tues., Nov. 25 – W 27–24)
- Ypsilanti West at Romulus (Tues., Dec. 2 – W 26–12)
- Belleville North at Romulus (Thurs., Dec. 4 – W 24–18)
- Romulus at Belleville South (Tues., Dec. 9 – outcome unknown at press time)
- Monroe at Romulus (Thurs., Dec. 12 – outcome unknown at press time)
- Romulus at Ypsilanti East (Tues., Dec. 16, 3:45 p.m.)
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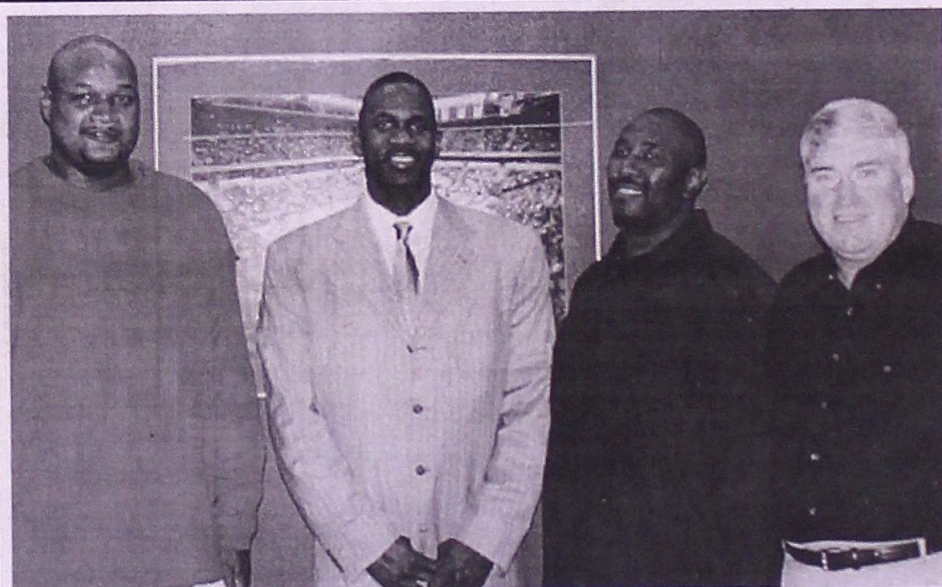
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## EMU Retires Grant Long's Uniform

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Attending the ceremony with Long were his wife Nikki and their four children: (from left) Garvis, Amiala, Abagayl, and Gavar.



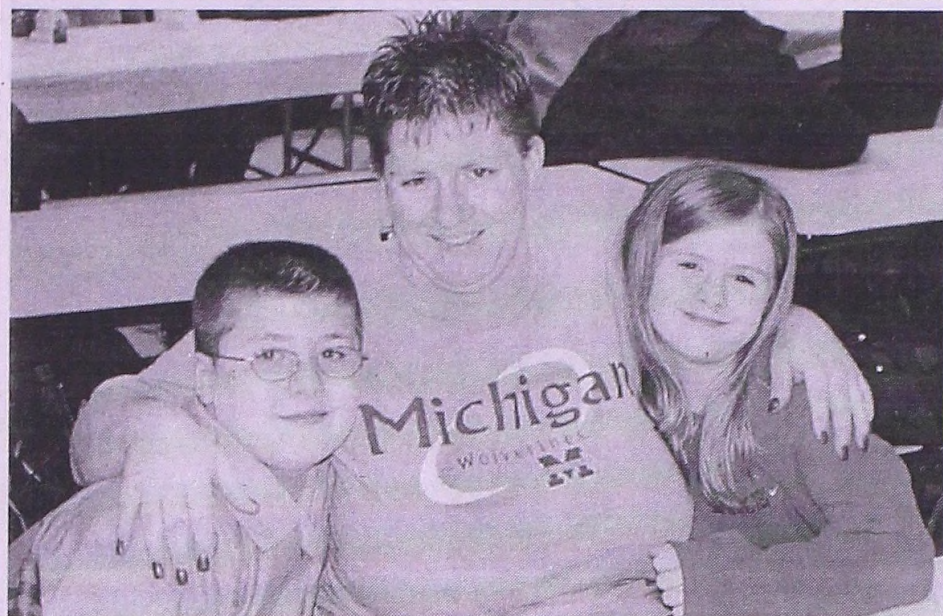
Long enjoyed the opportunity to visit with Al Wilkerson (right), his former basketball coach at Romulus High School, as well as his cousin, NBA star and RHS alumnus Terry Mills (left), and RHS alumnus/basketball player Ned Hargress.



Long also got to spend some quality time with his mother Dorothy.



## Muffins for Moms



Heather Briscoe shared a special breakfast with son Denford and daughter Misty during Cory Elementary's recent "Muffins for Moms" program.



Also among those enjoying the Muffins for Moms program were Katrina Wilson and her daughter, Karmalita Page.



Four generations of the Barden family – (from left) Mary Urquhart (great-grandmother), Gina Barden (mother), Andrianna Barden (daughter), Janice Barden (grandmother), and Shawnta Hamby (niece) – also took part.

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### REGULAR MEETING, NOVEMBER 24, 2003

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, November 24, 2003, was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Betty M. Lenossi.

Roll call showed members Lenossi, Cheryle Buckley, April Frayer, Michael Woods, Celeste Roscoe, Kenneth Mientkiewicz, and Niema White present. Joel R. Carr, Superintendent; William Routhier, Director of Business and Operations; Thomas Dolan, Director of Curriculum; and Edward Clark, Director of Human Resources, were present.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Lenossi.

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

11/03/12 Moved by Frayer supported by White to approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

11/03/13 Moved by Buckley supported by Frayer that the Board approve the Minutes of November 10, 2003, as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

11/03/14 Moved by Mientkiewicz supported by Buckley that the Board approve the Minutes of November 17, 2003, as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

##### Personnel Actions

Mr. Edward Clark, Director of Human Resources, offered the following personnel actions for Board approval.

11/03/15 Moved by Woods supported by Buckley that the Board approve the Separation Agreement and Release and Discharge of all Claims/Retirement and Resignation for Mr. John Domas, Counselor at Romulus High School, effective June 30, 2004, as presented by Mr. Edward Clark, Director of Human Resources. Ayes: 6. Nays: 1 (Mientkiewicz). Motion carried.

FYI – EMPLOYMENT: Eileen Holbrook, Bus Aide, Transportation Dept., Effective November 10, 2003; Elizabeth Hollis, Bus Aide, Transportation Dept., Effective May 22, 2003; Anne Luce, Bus Aide, Transportation Dept., Effective August 27, 2003; Sherrie Raines, Bus Aide, Transportation Dept., Effective September 22, 2003; and Julie Wykle, Kindergarten Aide, Romulus Elementary School, Effective November 14, 2003.

##### Bills for Payment

11/03/16 Moved by Frayer supported by Roscoe to approve the Bills for Payment as presented by Mr. William Routhier, Director of Business and Operations. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

##### Presentation – Peer Mediation – Shellie Moore

Ms. Shellie Moore was present and updated the Board of Education and Administration on Peer Mediation. She also responded to questions posed by members of the Board and Administration.

##### Adoption of Board Policies

11/03/17 Moved by Roscoe supported by White that the Board of Education adopt the proposed Board policies presented and recommended by the Policy Committee. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

##### Communications and/or Expressions from the Public

None.

##### Field Trip to Schaumburg, Illinois

11/03/18 Moved by Roscoe supported by Mientkiewicz that the Board of Education approve the Shakespeare Field Trip to Schaumburg, Illinois on January 28 and 29, 2004. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

##### Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Mr. Joel R. Carr, Superintendent, shared the following items of interest with members of the Board: 1) Report Card Parent Survey results; 2) Cory Elementary School Newsletter; 3) Barth Elementary School Newsletter; 4) Romulus Club Advisory Council Minutes; 5) Wick Elementary School article; 6) Kelley Cawthorne – Capitol Report; 7) Mr. Carr advised the Board that the Community High flag football team won the state championship and a trophy; 8) the High School's girls' basketball team were champions in the White Division of the Mega League, but lost to Garden City in the district tournament. Garden City went on to win the district championship.

##### Questions and/or Concerns of Board Members

Mrs. Cheryle Buckley reminded the Board of the High School Alumni Basketball Game on Wednesday, November 26, and the retirement of Grant Long's Eastern Michigan University basketball jersey on December 2. Mrs. Buckley also asked if our students could get a discount for school events. Mrs. April Frayer asked that the Boys' and Girls' Club get their wish list to Board members. Mr. Kenneth Mientkiewicz asked if anyone from Sodexo Food Services was checking to see how our new person is doing.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION:

11/03/19 Moved by White supported by Mientkiewicz that the Board convene in Executive Session to discuss negotiations. Roll call vote showed: Ayes: White, Mientkiewicz, Roscoe, Buckley, Frayer, Woods, and Lenossi. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 7:10 p.m.

11/03/20 Moved by Mientkiewicz supported by Frayer that the Board reconvene in Regular Session. Roll call vote showed: Ayes: White, Mientkiewicz, Roscoe, Buckley, Frayer, Woods, and Lenossi. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board reconvened in Regular Session at 7:38 p.m.

#### ADJOURNMENT:

11/03/21 Moved by Mientkiewicz supported by White that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
April Frayer, Secretary  
Romulus Board of Education



## Community Calendar

- **Family Talk Forum** – The Pen Enrichment Center is hosting a Family Talk Forum from 1 to 3 p.m. on Saturday, December 13, at Pentecostal Missionary Baptist Church (35625 Vinewood, Romulus). The goals of the program are to encourage open and honest communication between parents and children on the subject of drinking, and to strengthen parent-child relationships. The church's partners in the program – Anheuser Busch and Little Caesars – will be providing lunch. For more information, or to reserve your seats for the program, please call 734-728-1390.
- **Holiday Services at St. Paul's** – St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church (located at the corner of Craig and Ellis streets in New Boston) is hosting the following services during the holiday season: **Midweek Advent Supper/Service** (Wednesday, December 17, at 7 p.m.); **Children's Christmas Program** (Wednesday, December 24, at 6 p.m.); **Christmas Eve Candle-light Service w/Holy Communion** (10 p.m.); **Christmas Day Service w/Holy Communion** (10 a.m.); **New Year's Eve Service w/Holy Communion** (7 p.m.). Everyone is welcome.
- **Winter Concert** – The annual Romulus High School/Romulus Middle School Winter Concert – a free program open to the public – will be held at the High School (9650 Wayne Road, north of I-94) at 7 p.m. on Thursday, December 18. The event will also feature two fund-raisers for the choir department: a candy sale ("World's Finest Chocolate" for \$2 per bar; 50% of all proceeds benefit the choir) and a "magazine gift subscription" sale (choir to receive \$8 for each subscription card sold).
- **Breakfast with Santa** – St. Aloysius Catholic School (37200 Neville) will host its annual Breakfast with Santa program from 8:30 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, December 20, in the school cafeteria. An all-you-can-eat breakfast will feature eggs, sausage, hash browns, bagels, pastries, fresh fruit, cereal, fruit juice, and coffee. Other highlights of the program will include a photo with Santa (included in price of admission; additional photos will be \$2 each), holiday crafting (included in admission price), a bake sale, and a "Secret Santa Shop for Youngsters" featuring inexpensive gifts and complimentary gift-wrapping. Tickets (available at the door) will be \$6 for adults; \$5 for children ages 3 and up. Children under 3 eat free (photo and craft not included). All proceeds will be used to defer the cost of the school's Chicago field trip, set for next spring. For more information, call St. Aloysius School: 734-941-3340.
- **Open Swimming at RHS** – Now through December 23, the Romulus Community Schools will offer open swimming at the High School (9650 South Wayne Road) each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 6 to 8:30 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. For more information about fees and rules, please call 734-532-1950.
- **Bluegrass Concerts** – Four generations of ladies host bluegrass music performances at the Wayne County Raccoon Hunters' Club (37816 Wick Road, west of Wayne Road) each Sunday from 3 to 6 p.m. "Country dinners," hot dogs, hamburgers, snacks, soft drinks, and coffee are always available. Admission to this family-oriented-fun event is \$6 per person for ages 12 and up; free for children under 12. Everyone welcome.
- **Writers Group Meets** – The Writers Connection – a group designed to bring writers and aspiring writers together – meets at the Romulus Public Library (11121 Wayne Road, south of Goddard) from 6 to 8 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month (next meeting: January 7). Membership is free. For more information about the group, which has been meeting for more than a year, call Maryjo at the library: 734-942-7589.
- **Grief Support Group Meets** – Crane Funeral Home (36885 Goddard Road, Romulus) offers free grief support group meetings and individual grief counseling to all who are in need. Aftercare meetings are scheduled for the second Sunday of each month (next meeting: December 14) from 2 to 3 p.m. For more information, call 734-941-9200.
- **Teen Pregnancy Prevention Group Meets** – The next meeting of the Romulus Teen Pregnancy Prevention Partnership (RTP3) will be held from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 17, in Room 507 at Romulus High School (9650 South Wayne Road). All meetings are open to the public.

To place information in our next issue's Community Calendar, mail it to "the little paper" at P.O. Box 74038, Romulus, MI 48174-0038; FAX it to us at 734-992-2052; or call 734-941-1907

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## Halecreek Scientists



"Scientist" Aaron Wojtylko, a kindergartner at Halecreek Elementary, showed his classmates that squeezing a plastic bottle with a balloon on top will blow up the balloon.



"Scientist" Emily Turner showed her classmates the bird feeder she made out of a recycled milk carton.



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## Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Linda Norman, senior citizens program coordinator for the City of Romulus Department of Parks and Recreation, and Ruth Bierl, Romulus Tower resident, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column.

(For more information about events at the Romulus Senior Center, located at 36515 Bibbins in the downtown area, please call 734-955-4120.)

### Seniors Do Their Part for Goodfellows

Once again, Ruth Bierl and some of her fellow residents at the Romulus Tower have done a spectacular job of collecting "mini toiletries" for donation to the Romulus Goodfellows. Last year, the group gathered enough items to fill 157 bags; this year, they hope to meet a goal of 250 bags.

Other items that Towers residents will be donating to the Goodfellows this year are nonperishable food, toys, and "decorations" from the building's "mitten tree" – including 25 hats knitted by one very special lady.

Last-minute donations are still being accepted at the Tower and at the Romulus Senior Center. For more information, call Ruth Bierl (734-955-2430).

### Holiday Gala

The Romulus Senior Center's annual Holiday Gala will be held at the Double Tree Hotel (31500 Wick Road) on Friday, December 26, beginning at 11 a.m. Tickets – just \$10.50 per person – include a delicious lunch, professional DJ entertainment, dancing, and door prizes.

Since seating is limited for this popular event, early sign-up at the Senior Center is highly recommended. No reservations will be accepted after 2 p.m. on Monday, December 15.

### Game Day

Throughout the month of January, the Romulus Senior Center will be hosting a Thursday "Game Day" program. Possible games include dominoes, rummy, pokeno, and bid whist; other suggestions are also welcome.

Call the Center with questions or suggestions.

### Senior-citizen Clubs

Local senior citizens looking to make new friends are invited to join one or both of the clubs that meet at the Romulus Senior Center on a regular basis.

Club #1, which gets together each Tuesday at 11 a.m., holds potlucks, "does lunch" at area restaurants, hosts parties, plays bingo and other games, and schedules seasonal outings.

The Romulus Senior Social Club, a new group already boasting more than 100 members, meets at 2 p.m. on the second Friday of each month. Yearly dues of \$5 help cover costs related to special trips, parties, and other events.

For more information about either group, call the Senior Center.

### Regular Programs

Besides the many special activities offered at the Romulus Senior Center, a number of regularly scheduled free or low-cost programs are also open to local senior citizens.

They include:

- ceramics (Mondays, 1 p.m.),
- bunco (Tuesdays, 1 p.m.),
- bingo (Wednesdays, 1 p.m.),
- "fun night" (Wednesdays, 5 p.m.),
- pinochle (Thursdays, 12:30 p.m.),
- quilting (Thursdays, 7 p.m.).

### Exercise Classes

Low-impact exercise classes (can be done from a chair) are held at the Romulus Senior Center each Wednesday and Friday from 9 to 10 a.m. Stop in at or call the Center to place your name on the sign-up sheet.

Note: The Senior Center *strongly* recommends that seniors consult a physician before beginning any new exercise program.

### TeleCare Program Available

The Romulus Senior Center's TeleCare program provides seniors with daily phone reassurance at no cost. To learn more, call the Center's friendly staff.

### Hot Lunches

Just a reminder that the Romulus Senior Center serves a hot lunch at 11:30 a.m. each weekday for only \$1.75. Call at least 24 hours in advance to make your reservation.

### Meals on Wheels

The Romulus Senior Center is looking for volunteers to help with the "Meals on Wheels" program for the homebound. Flexible hours available.

For more information, call Pat at 734-942-6852.

### Some Handy Phone Numbers

Don't know who to call for help? Stop in at the Romulus Senior Center, where you can pick up a "Helping Services" list chock full of telephone numbers for AARP, Legal Aid, adult day care, transportation services, and much more.

Don't have time to stop by? Call and ask to be put on the Center's mailing list for the monthly "Communicator" newsletter. It's absolutely free, and it frequently contains the "Helping Services" list, plus information about a variety of local programs, too. □

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT FORM

If you are a resident of Romulus, *The Romulus News* will be happy to print an announcement of your new addition (child or grandchild). If possible, please enclose a photograph of your new arrival. There is no charge. Just fill out the following information and mail to:

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Name and phone number of person to contact (in case of questions): \_\_\_\_\_

Attach any additional information concerning the birth to this form.

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If you, or your parents, are residents of Romulus, *The Romulus News* will be happy to print an announcement of your engagement or wedding. If possible, please enclose a photograph. There is no charge. Just fill out the following information and mail to:

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Bridesmaids \_\_\_\_\_

Groomsmen \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Engagement \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Wedding \_\_\_\_\_

Place \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Reception \_\_\_\_\_

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Name and phone number of person to contact (in case of questions): \_\_\_\_\_

Attach any additional information  
concerning the wedding or engagement to this form.



## Obituaries

### Leonard R. Barr

Leonard R. Barr of Romulus, Michigan, passed away on Monday, November 24, 2003, at the age of 62.

The Ford Motor Company—River Rouge Steel retiree was born in Detroit, Michigan, on Wednesday, May 7, 1941.

Leonard is survived by his wife, Kathleen M. (Kelly) Barr; his mother, Helen Barr (Wyandotte, MI); 2 sons, Brian (Lynda) Barr (Belleville, MI) and Leonard (Darlene) Barr (Ypsilanti, MI); 2 daughters, Sandra (Jim) O'Leary (Dearborn, MI) and Deborah (Steven)

Bullough (Elk Grove, CA); 2 brothers, Gerald (Marilyn) Barr (Southgate, MI) and David (Nancy) Barr (Lincoln Park, MI); and 10 grandchildren. His father, Benjamin Barr, was among those who predeceased him.

A funeral service was held Saturday, November 29, at St. Stephen Catholic Church (New Boston, MI), with Father Alexander Wyrwal officiating. Cremation rites were accorded. Arrangements were made by Crane Funeral Home (Romulus).

### Sergeant John W. Celske, Jr.

John W. Celske, Jr., of Dearborn Heights, Michigan, passed away on Friday, November 21, 2003.

John was born in Bremerton, Washington, on Thursday, September 19, 1974. The U.S. Army sergeant was a dedicated military man who liked cars and motorcycles and enjoyed spending time with his friends.

Among those surviving John are his father, John W. Celske, Sr. (Roseville,

MI); a son, Todd Allen Celske (Columbiana, AL); a sister, Shelly (Greg) Stempfle (Dearborn Heights); and his maternal grandparents, James and Ruth Redman (Bremerton). His mother, Linda L. (Redman) Celske, predeceased him.

A funeral service — officiated by John's sister Shelly — was held Wednesday, November 26, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI). Burial was at Romulus Memorial Cemetery.

### Clyde E. "Joe" Moomaw

Clyde E. "Joe" Moomaw of Saline, Michigan (formerly of Romulus, MI), passed away on Sunday, November 30, 2003, at the age of 73.

Joe was born in Detroit, Michigan, on Saturday, March 1, 1930. He was a member of SMW Local #292 and a VFW post in France, and enjoyed bowling.

Surviving Joe are his wife, Marie W. (Lozano) Moomaw; 3 sons, John D. (Lynne) Moomaw (Romulus), Albert A. (Janet) Moomaw (Columbia, TN), and Michael R. Moomaw (Taylor, MI); 2 daughters, Mary Jo Viaz (Westland, MI)

and Lisa L. Bratcher (Romulus); 3 brothers, Howard (Joyce) Moomaw (Detroit), David C. Moomaw, and Richard (Audrey) Moomaw (Traverse City, MI); a sister, Nancy Horn (Monroe, MI); 8 grandchildren; and 3 great-grandchildren. His parents, David William and Bertha Mae (Rucker) Moomaw, predeceased him.

A funeral service was held Wednesday, December 3, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus), with Reverend William Kren (Community United Methodist Church, Romulus) officiating. Burial was at Romulus Memorial Cemetery.

### Louis J. Vena, Jr.

Louis J. Vena, Jr., of Belleville, Michigan, passed away on Saturday, November 29, 2003, at the age of 71.

Louis was born in New Boston, Michigan, on Thursday, June 30, 1932. A man of many interests, he owned a 1963½ Ford Falcon and a new Anniversary GT Mustang, and enjoyed classic cars, collectibles (especially die-cast cars and Beanie Babies), antique stores, flea markets, traveling, eating out, coffee klatches with the guys, and spending time with his grandchildren.

Surviving Louis are his wife, Carol M. (Hund) Vena; 5 daughters, Sharon (Hugh) Buckberry (New Boston), Karen (Mike) Feldt (New Boston), Joanne (Judie Burns) Bock (Wyandotte, MI), Mary Lou (Geoff) West (Belleville), and Denise (Steve) Brock (Belleville); a son,

Rick Tallent (Flint, MI); 4 sisters, Filo (Jesus) Pintos (Huron Township, MI), Rosa Bringas (Spain), Dolores Gracia (Huron Township), and Tina (Richard) Koski (Huron Township); a brother, Alfonso (Nora Ann) Vena (Huron Township); a daughter-in-law, Kim Vena (New Boston); 18 grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren (with another on the way). He was predeceased by a son, Louis J. "Bud" Vena III; a daughter, Gail Bowman; a brother, Julio L. Vena; and 2 sisters, Mary Walz and Evelyn Vena.

A funeral service was held Tuesday, December 2, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI), with Father Alexander Wyrwal (St. Stephen Catholic Church, New Boston) officiating. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock, MI). □

## The Stork Arrived

### Jacob Arthur Hughes

Aaron Hughes and Amy Wallen of Romulus, Michigan, are proud to announce the birth of their new son, Jacob Arthur Hughes.

Jacob was born in Oakwood Annapolis Hospital (Wayne, MI) at 2:07 p.m. on Saturday, August 23, 2003, weighing in at 7 lbs., 15 oz., and measuring 21" in length.

Especially excited about the new arrival was his big sister, Kanisha Wallen.

Also giving Jacob a warm welcome into the family were his paternal grandparents, Henry and Susanne Hughes, and his maternal grandparents, Ralph and Susan Wallen (all of Romulus).



Jacob Arthur Hughes

### Emilee Faye Kilmer



Emilee Faye Kilmer

Proudly announcing the birth of their new daughter, Emily Kay Kilmer, are Kevin and Crystal Kilmer of Romulus, Michigan.

Emily was born in Oakwood Hospital (Dearborn, MI) at 5:35 p.m. on Friday, October 17, 2003, weighing 6 lbs., 12 oz., and measuring 20½ inches in length.

Especially excited about the new arrival were her big brothers, Brenden and Jonathon.

Also giving little Emilee a warm welcome into the family were her paternal grandparents, Rondle and Denise Worley (Taylor, MI), and her maternal grandparents, Dennis and Jackie Minner (Romulus).

### Azia Marie LaFontaine

Jason Troup and Brandie LaFontaine of Romulus, Michigan, are proud to announce the birth of their new daughter, Azia Marie LaFontaine.

Azia was born in Oakwood Annapolis Hospital (Wayne, MI) at 5:22 a.m. on Wednesday, November 12, 2003, weighing 5 lbs., 12 oz., and measuring 19½ inches in length.

Especially excited about the new arrival was her half-sister, Mackenzie Troup.

Also giving little Azia a warm welcome into the family were her paternal grandmother, Vicki Troup (Westland, MI); her maternal grandparents, Dennis and Janet Crossley (Livonia, MI); and her maternal great-grandparents, Dennis and Gerry Crossley (Livonia) and Shirley Kuzmish (Romulus). □



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